

### How to receive Eternal Life

Eternal Life is freely offered to us through faith in Jesus Christ. Here is the summary of "How to Receive Eternal Life"-

**Realize that we're all sinners.** We are all guilty sinners before God. And because we've all sinned, we all deserve hell: **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23, Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."** No one can enter the kingdom of God with a single sin on his record. So, we must realize our need of salvation. **"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" 1 Timothy 2:5, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.", John 14:6**

**Believe in the true gospel and the real Jesus Christ.** Jesus is the Son of God, God manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim. 1:15). He was born of a virgin, He performed miracles, and He lived a perfect sinless life. He suffered at the hands of sinful men, he was beaten, he was humiliated and he was nailed to a cross. The Bible says that He died on the cross for our sins: **"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree (...)" 1 Peter 2:24.** Then he went to hell for three days and three nights (Acts 2:31) and rose again from the dead. **"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Romans 8:34.** He paid our sin debt in full – and He did this out of love for us, knowing that we all deserve eternal damnation in hell: **"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.** Jesus took upon himself the punishment we all deserve when he died on the Cross of Calvary. The Son of God died in our place to pay for all of our sins: past, present and future.

**Believe (trust) in Christ alone.** Jesus Christ has accomplished everything for our salvation, now what must we do to be saved? The Bible answers this question: **"(...) Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (...)" Acts 16:30-31.** And that's it! Notice the verse doesn't say, "Go to church and you will be saved. Be baptized and you will be saved. Live a good life and you will be saved. Turn from your sins and you will be saved." No! It only says: "Believe". Do not add any work, any effort : nor repentance from sins, nor cleaning up your life, nor baptism, nor doing good works, nor enduring to the end, etc. These works are related to the Christian life, but they do not count for salvation. **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9.** The word "gospel" means "good news". We cannot earn salvation in any way – it doesn't depend on any of our works. God gives it freely by his grace (or unmerited favor), it is a gift that God offers us, that will last forever and that he will never take back for any reason. **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.** God saves us forever! He said - **"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5.** Our part in salvation is only to trust Christ as Savior and call on Him by faith- that's how we receive the gift of God. The fact that salvation is eternal is the best news in the world - because if we could lose it, we would all lose it after every single sin (and no one can live up to God's perfect

standard to earn salvation - It would have required us to never sin and always do good) - ***For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. - Ecclesiastes 7:20.*** Thus, we are saved by faith alone and all of our sins are forgiven by believing (relying) on Jesus Christ alone. The amount of your faith is not important - the Person in whom you trust is all that matters. Jesus said, ***"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*** John 10:28. Believing on Jesus means to be saved for ever. The moment you place your trust in Him alone, you receive eternal life and you become a child of God: ***"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"*** John 1:12. Salvation is therefore an event (a new spiritual birth) and not a process. Don't you want to live in Love and Eternal Joy? Death can catch you at any moment. Take these things very seriously. You could lose your soul!

**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ now!** The following prayer is an affirmation. If you confess this with your mouth and believe it in your heart, you will be saved: all of your sins will be forgiven and you will receive Eternal Life. ***"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*** Romans 10:9 - Lord Jesus Christ, - I know that I am a sinner, - I know I deserve to go to hell, - But I believe that you died on the cross, - and that you rose again, - to pay for all of my sins, - Please save me right now - and give me eternal life, - I'm only trusting you Jesus, - Amen. Have you put your trust in Jesus? If so, rejoice! ***"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"*** Romans 5:1

**Repentance for Salvation does not mean "turning from sin" or "changing your life"** Repentance is a change of mind (to "rethink") that leads you to put your full trust in Jesus Christ (and nothing in yourself or anything else you previously believed could save you (e.g. religion, baptism, keeping the commandments, being a good person, doing good works, etc.). Thus, repentance for salvation is not "turning from sins": ***"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*** 1 John 1:8. The Bible is clear that turning from sin is a work that cannot save – because no one completely turns from all of their sins (it's impossible to live without sin) – ***And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented (changed His mind) of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. (Jonah 3:10).*** Repentance of sins is a daily thing - Salvation, on the other hand, is eternal and is received in a moment. You've got to be born again, the Bible doesn't say that you have to be born again, and again, and again... You believe on Christ in a moment, and in a twinkling of an eye, you're saved forever (John 5:24). You have received eternal life, you have passed from death to life, and you've become a son or a daughter of God, and you're sealed with the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30). We invite you now to get a Bible (KJV) and to join a good baptist church in your area (soul winning, KJV-only, free grace) and to do good works out of love for God and others. Thepreaching.com - Wordproject.org (KJV Audio Bible).

***1John 5:13 - These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.***